

## METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: September 1, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:05 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

#### Attending Members

Dane Mahern, Chairman  
Scott Keller  
Jackie Nytes  
Marilyn Pfisterer  
Mike Speedy  
Steve Talley

#### Absent Members

Ron Gibson  
Lance Langsford  
Angela Mansfield

### AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 437, 2005 - requires project sponsors who receive Federal entitlement funds distributed by the Department of Metropolitan Development employ at least ten (10) persons on any such project so funded from the service district of the sponsor  
"Postpone" until September 12, 2005

Vote: 5-0

### **BUDGET HEARING**

Division of Compliance  
Division of Planning

## METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, September 1, 2005. Chair Dane Mahern called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Scott Keller, Jackie Nytes, Marilyn Pfisterer, and Steve Talley. Mike Speedy arrived shortly thereafter. Absent were Ron Gibson, Lance Langsford, and Angela Mansfield.

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Chair Mahern stated that the proposal should be postponed until further discussion takes place with Councillor Monroe Gray and members from the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD).

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Nytes, to "Postpone" Proposal No. 437, 2005 until September 12, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

[Clerk's note: Councillor Speedy arrived at 5:33 p.m.]

### **BUDGET HEARING**

#### **Division of Compliance**

Rick Powers, DMD Administrator, read verbatim from Exhibit A, attached.

Councillor Speedy asked if the majority of raises in the budget are for the department. Mr. Powers replied in the affirmative and said they are for union employee contracts.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if there have been any considerations to revenue enhancements. Mr. Powers replied in the affirmative and said the department is working with a professional. He said that their department is unique in its position because its revenue is primarily the source of a professional and developmental community. Councillor Pfisterer stated that several constituents have approached her with a request for higher compliance fines, which could be a source of revenue. She said the constituents' requests were specifically to stop the cycling of compliance issues due to the fines not being painful enough to cause compliance. Mr. Powers said that the accelerated fee increases have allowed the division to assess an administrative fee in addition to the citation fee of \$150, which is applied each time an inspection officer has to return to a site. Therefore, this serves as a revenue enhancement tool and a deterrent to keep people from violating the code. He said it also offers an incentive for people to come into compliance without having to go further, which will eliminate a large bill for those persons who would normally choose to wait to go to court.

### **Division of Planning**

Mike Peoni, Administrator for the Division of Planning, read verbatim from Exhibit B, attached.

Councillor Keller asked how much money was for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the highway bill and how those funds factor into Character 01. Mr. Peoni said it will not impact Character 01 but will increase the overall funds that the division will have available to them. He said they may need to do a fiscal ordinance early next year to accommodate that increase. He said the amount of funds could increase by 25% next year and would go toward transportation planning.

Concillor Nytes asked how many employees are in the division. Mr. Peoni said there are 41 employees. Councillor Nytes asked if many of those positions are grant funded. Mr. Peoni replied in the affirmative and said less than 10% of the division's budget is funded through local dollars. Councillor Nytes asked if the grants are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Mr. Peoni replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Speedy asked if employment data is available from the State. Mr. Peoni said they have obtained employment information from the State in the past, but the employment information they are purchasing gives more specific information that is useful to the division. Councillor Speedy asked if there are any particular projects that are contributed to the increase in consulting services. Mr. Peoni said the increase is due to the purchase of the employment information.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if Federal funding should decrease or be postponed has any plans been made. Mr. Peoni said the division has been looking into working with some of their Federal funders to make sure they are allocating charges correctly. He said they are also working with regional planning partners that benefit from the work of the MPO to contribute more towards the local dollars. Councillor Pfisterer asked if there is any potential for revenue enhancement. Mr. Peoni replied in the affirmative and said they are requesting an increase in their zoning petitions and application fees.

### **CONCLUSION**

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dane Mahern, Chair  
Metropolitan Development Committee

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